

generating at least one laser pulse which has a pulse width equal to or less
than the characteristic pulse width and fluence; and
directing said pulse to a point at or beneath the surface of the material.

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REMARKS

This is a divisional application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
09/366,685, a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,656,186. Claims 55-70 are in
the application, with claims 1-54 having been canceled.

Applicants wish to note that all independent claims of the present
divisional application are drawn to methods for laser induced breakdown of organic or
biological materials.

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